



CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Requesting Congress to Preserve the Existing Community Development Block Grant Program

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2005

PREPARED BY: Deputy City Manager

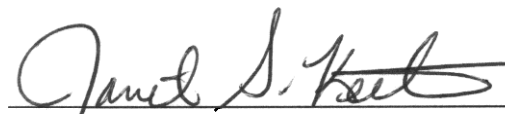
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution requesting Congress to preserve the existing Community Development Block Grant Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: President Bush is proposing that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program be eliminated and consolidated with 17 other programs into a new program called Strengthening America's Communities Grant Program. The new Program, at \$3.71 billion, is nearly \$1 billion less than the current CDBG program alone.

The National League of Cities, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, and the California League of Cities (among other coalitions) are opposing the President's proposal and are urging city officials to adopt resolutions opposing the proposal. They are encouraging the President to not only leave the CDBG program alone but to also fund it at no less than \$4.355 billion, which is level with the FY 2005 allocation. Additionally, they are advocating that the CDBG program should be a separate and distinct program from other economic development programs that provides a direct and flexible source of funding to local governments.

FISCAL IMPACT Unknown until such time as the proposed \$1 billion less funding is established with a formula by the federal government.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not Applicable


Janet S. Keeter
Deputy City Manager

JSK/sl

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager



DECLARATION OF MAILING

TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

On March 17, 2005, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, containing a transmittal letter and Resolution requesting Congress to preserve the existing Community Development Block Grant program, marked Exhibit "A"; said envelopes were addressed as is more particularly shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 17, 2005, at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

**SUSAN BLACKSTON
CITY CLERK, CITY OF LODI**

ORDERED BY:

JACQUELINE L. TAYLOR
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

JENNIFER M. PERRIN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

The signature of Jennifer M. Perrin is a cursive script that reads "Jennifer M. Perrin". It is written over a horizontal line.

KARI J. CHADWICK
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOHN BECKMAN, Mayor
SUSAN HITCHCOCK,
Mayor Pro Tempore
LARRY D. HANSEN
BOB JOHNSON
JOANNE MOUNCE

CITY OF LODI

CITY HALL, 221 WEST PINE STREET
P.O. BOX 3006
LODI, CALIFORNIA 95241-1910
(209)333-6702
FAX (209)333-6807
cityclrk@lodi.gov

BLAIR KING, City Manager
SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk
D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER
City Attorney

March 17, 2005

To: Interested Parties

**RE: Resolution Requesting Congress to Preserve the Existing Community
Development Block Grant Program**

The Lodi City Council, at its meeting on March 16, 2005, adopted the enclosed resolution requesting Congress to preserve the existing Community Development Block Grant program.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

JMP

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-55

A RESOLUTION ~~OF~~ THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE THE
EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM

=====

WHEREAS, for 30 years, America's cities, including both large and small cities in California, have used Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grants to create jobs, provide affordable housing, eliminate blight, and generate new economic investment; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds have played a critical role in community and economic development in Lodi; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds have been a powerful economic engine and a job creator, allowing Lodi to leverage private investment by employing hundreds of people and attracting millions of dollars in equity investment; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds represent a catalyst for creating more affordable housing, making it possible for Lodi to help build nine rental housing units this past year alone. CDBG-funded rehabilitation has resulted in dozens of families with clean, decent, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program offers a mechanism for building public infrastructure, whereby, Lodi used \$250,000 this past year to provide handicap accessible sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has increased the quality of life in Lodi, as evidenced by the numerous parks projects and street lighting; and

WHEREAS, the President has proposed a new "Strengthening America's Communities Initiative," which combines 18 direct grant programs, including CDBG, into one within the Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, at \$3.71 billion, the new program (which combines 18 programs) is nearly \$1 billion less than the current CDBG program alone; and

WHEREAS, without proper funding for CDBG, we risk undermining the economic well being of our communities, the future generations that live there, and the nation as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby requests that Congress enact a fiscal year 2006 budget and appropriations package that funds CDBG formula grants at no less than \$4.355 billion, which is level with fiscal year 2005 allocations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress maintain the CDBG as a separate and distinct program from other economic development programs that provides a direct and flexible source of funding to local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress maintain the current "dual formula" system where 70 percent of CDBG funds go to entitlement communities based on population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk's office is hereby directed to mail certified copies of this Resolution to Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and to the League of California Cities, Attention: Genevieve Morelos, 1400 K Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

Dated: March 16, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-55 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, and Mounce
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Mayor Beckman
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk



MAILING LIST

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Senator Barbara Boxer
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington Dc **20510**

Senator Diane Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington Dc **20510**

League of California Cities
Attn: Genevieve Morelos
1400 K Street, 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA **95814**

Konradt (Rad) Bartlam
Community Development Director

Janet S. Keeter
Deputy City Manager
Administration